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- 1. Celldomolk. There is a main reliewy station with 17 tracks and a freight station with 16 tracks. The streets are old but in good condition. A Blue AVE Command is located in Szachenyi Street. Police headquarters are in the former courthouse at 1 Lenin Street. The district council house is a former cloister. The town council sits at 1 Rakosi Place.
- 2. Somogycsurgó [sig]. The Soviets have set up a radar station in the churchtower.
- 3. Hagymerds. An AVH Border Guard barracks has been built here. It is a onestory building in a forest, 1 km from Hagymards towards Szombathely. A side road leads from the highway to the barracks.
- 4. Gyöngyöshermin. There is a radio jamming transmitter with a double antenna 40 meters high at the northern end of the village. There is also a radar station near the village, between it and Szembathely on the road to Rum. Further, there is here a large tractor station with a park of 5 Hoffer tow-trucks; 35 Hoffer tractors, 2 Diesel Csepel freight trucks, and 60 threshing machines. The station operates through the whole Szembathely district. The manager is latven Kiss. There is a five months training course at the station, graduates of which become tractor and tow-truck drivers.
- 5. Jinoshisa. There is a tractor driver's intermediate school in the agricultural school at this place. The course is five months. Graduates are certified to drive any vehicle.

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- 6. Körmend. Soviet armored forces of unknown strength are reported to be quartered in the Battyhany castle.
- 7. Military Constructions in Trans-Danubia. Military construction work in the trans-Danube area is being carried out by the 72nd Building Industry Trust, of Budapest. The director is a former builder named Göreczky. Construction work of a military nature but for unknown purposes is being done at the present time at Ják, Zalaegerszeg, Pápa, Veszprém, and Keszthely. At Nagykanizsa underground works are being built which the troops call "incubators." The trust, which is under the direction of the Ministry of Construction, has 10 national construction enterprises under it, each of which employs an average of 400 men. They are:

 A building enterprise at Sztálinváros; two building enterprises at Pápa; a building enterprise at Zalaegerszeg; a building enterprise at Nagykanizsa; a skilled industry enterprise at Szombathely; a cabinet making enterprise at Szombathely; a building material supply enterprise at Szombathely; a lock manufactory at Szombathely; an accessories enterprise at Szombathely.
- 8. Rábakéthely. A new two-story barracks has been built here, in which an AVH border guard battalion is quartered. The battalion is reported to have been transferred here from Szentgotthárd in the summer of 1953.
- 9. Vát. Drilling for oil is being done here. A depth of 2,300 meters has been reached. The highway between Vát and Sárvár is being concreted; it is part of the Szombathely-Sárvár highway. Explorations for copper and antimony are going on in the mountains near Kószeg.
- 10. Alsozeleste. A summer training camp of the "Blue" AVH is located near this place.
- 11. Jak. The third-class Magykölked-Jak highway was concreted in 1953, and it is reported that a whole network of concrete roads is to be constructed parallel to the Austrian-Hungarian border. This is not new construction for the most part, but a rebuilding of old neglected roads. A large transformer station will be built at the crossing of the Szombathely-Vep railway line and the Szombathely-Memesböd highway, at Point 212. It will be an important station in the exchange of power between Hungary and Czechoslovakia. There is a high-voltage line here through which Hungary has supplied current to Czechoslovakia. The power station at Inota will also deliver current to Czechoslovakia. For this reason the Czechs have helped with skilled workmen and machinery deliveries in the building of this station.
- 12. Pornoapeti. An air observation station was built in 1953 at Point 259, 1 km east of this place. It is a concrete bunker, 5 by 5 meters in size. Its cover designation is "Falu-2." The post has a direct telephone connection with Szombathely.
- 13. Szentpéterfa. A concrete air observation bunker has been built at Point 232. Near it is a wooden tower 20 meters high. This station has direct telephone connection with Szombathely and also with the AVH border guard post at Szentpéterfa. According to statements of civilian residents, there is a radar station in the tower.
- 14. Pinksmindszent. There is an air observation station with Hungarian personnel, 1 km north of the Körmend-Pinksmindszent railway line, on the third-class highway leading from the railway crossing to the village of Felsőberki.

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